

14th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy week at Kingfisher, with some of our more regular volunteers supporting us again. Andy has supported our older pupils for many years and has provided us with valuable advice about The Duke of Edinburgh Award that many of our pupils are taking part in. We also continue to have the support of TrinityLearning who come in each weekend to ensure our Sensory Garden is in tip top condition for all our pupils, and staff, to enjoy.

Having Leo the Cat in was a lovely experience for many of our pupils. Habibou certainly enjoyed the experience, his smiles and giggles showed us all how important it is having Leo in school.



Many parents are now using Evisense, however there are a few who have yet to log on to your account. Evisense is where we share evidence of what your child has achieved and show you images of this happening. Those parents who are using it routinely are expressing that they find this resource extremely useful. Unfortunately, if you haven't logged on using the details, I have sent you previously you will need to request access. Please do this by emailing office@kingfisher.oxon.sch.uk and you will then receive a new link to log on. I am sure once you have accessed this resource you will find it invaluable.

Dates for your diary

Last Day of Term	Friday 28th May
First day of Term	Monday 7th June
Parent Consultation	Wednesday 7 th July

Have a great weekend

Lorraine

Our Kingfisher View

Kingfisher-a place where everyone is valued to develop independence through an enriching curriculum which is worthwhile



News from Spring Cluster

Green Class

Following our sensory story of a river we have been exploring the jungle, we have been practicing ripping paper up into strips to make some green jungle scenes. All of us were really good and did a great job at using both hands to hold on to the paper.



We have been continuing our sensory phonics and have been having lots of finding letters in corn flour, we are really good using our fingers to make marks and watch the adults as they model the different letters.

We have had lots of fun with Clare this week and her guitar listening to all the different songs we really like placing our hands on the guitar to feel the vibrations. In Resonance board this week have been practicing rolling cars to our friends across the board, the best ones are the pullback cars as we can make these go really fast.



Alicia, Kim, Amanda, Jackie, Julia, Clare, Maria, Melissa and Emily



News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

Another really busy week in Yellow Class., We have continued working really hard on our resonance board and everybody has been communicating extremely well. This weeks highlights have been PE and a visit from our gorgeous friend Leo the cat.

Everyone has done amazing at rolling the balls with one or two hands and we have really enjoyed playing bowling. A big shout out to Oliver who has done some fantastic high kneeling while rolling the ball around the room. Also, a big congratulations to the lovely



Willow who has done incredible work on her physio and managed to lay on her tummy supporting her head for up to 20 minutes.



Leo the cat came for a visit today, everyone reacted amazingly to him and they all enjoyed learning about cats, body parts and stroking him. Roman and Habibou especially created a beautiful bond with him. Roman felt Leo with his chin and gave him a big cuddle, whilst Habibou and Leo had a beautiful moment where they both were stroking eachother. On behalf of yellow class thank you to Ellie for bringing Leo into school and giving us this opportunity.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Gal, Sally, Emma, Katia and Kerry Ann



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class

As you will already know that highlight of the week in Pink Class for everyone is a swim. We have mentioned our swims in passing this term but have not yet shared any pictures so we thought that we would fix that this week. This week's swims were enjoyable as always and we have been reflecting on the progress everyone has made.



All of Pink Class have been working on swimming on their back in one form or another. This week we had some great back swimming and floating. For some of the class this is a preferred position, so we have been working on floating independently or moving on their back. For others back swimming can be a bit scary but by this week everyone was happy and confident. Well done Pink Class.



As we have mentioned a lot of our learning in class has been around an Australian theme this term. Everyone seems have a love of the didgeridoo music, you can find some lovely orchestra and didgeridoo music on You Tube that everyone has enjoyed if you want to explore it at home. We have had fun doing call and response with a 'G'day!' clip. Now it has become familiar it has been a lot of fun to see the students taking the lead and the staff having to give the response- or get told off if we don't! The story that we have been using is 'How the birds got their colours' based on an Aboriginal creation story. The story doesn't technically call for a naughty bird, but we have liked feeding him our fingers to nibble instead of the bugs planned or pulling him in for a tickle.

Learning is always better when you are having a laugh with your friends as part of it.

Take care, Tor, Siobhan, Maria, Sue, Liza, Norah, Felicity, Sarah and Daniel.



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class

Good afternoon all, I hope you've had a good week. We've certainly kept ourselves ticking over here in Blue Class.

This week (Thursday excluded) we have managed to dodge the rain. Pupils really enjoyed hurdles with Molly and shotput and javelin with Heinrich in P.E. on Monday and Wednesday. Swimming was also a hit success as ever.



In maths we concluded our work on measurement – weight – and began to think about place value, as some of you will have discussed at parents evening just before Easter. I was excited to see that pupils appear to have really held onto their place value knowledge from last term and it has allowed us to begin to build upon this for most individuals, thinking about larger

two-digit numbers or using hundred squares.



In literacy we concluded our work on 'The Smartest Giant in Town' and we really look forwards to starting 'Shark in the Park' next week. If perchance you happen to have a hand-held telescope at home perhaps you too could go on a hunt for sharks in advance of our story next week or maybe you could practice dressing up smartly with your young person just like in our book from this week.

Either way, whatever you get up to this weekend, have a fantastic (and hopefully dry) time and we will see you all again soon.

*From Sarah, Teresa, Lynette, Ellie, Kía, Helen and Richard,
~ The Blue Class Team*



News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

It was lovely to see our long-standing volunteer Andy back in school on Monday who helped us out with our swimming class and work session back in class. Andy will be back in school in term 6 to help us out with our Duke of Edinburgh Awards. We are looking forward to seeing him again!

The Communication Group have thought more about 'Feelings' and we have reintroduced 'The Emotion Thermometer', linking feelings to particular colours so as to try and recognise negative feelings as opposed to more positive. This linked nicely with the fact that this week is Mental Health Awareness Week and we have looked at the importance of trying to maintain positive feelings. The group have also worked hard on their formation of shapes and letters and Matthew wrote his very own M!

This week The Enterprise Group have continued with their work for cooking a simple meal independently and as we have been also learning a little French for our ASDAN, they attempted making French toast perhaps better known as 'eggy bread'. The overall verdict was that eggy bread is quite easy to make and tastes quite good, although there was difference of opinion as to whether it should be eaten with ketchup!

We continued our topic work '*The Environment*' with Google Earth, zooming into England, then Oxfordshire and more closely looking at Abingdon. Then we finally found Kingfisher School! Students have each started to make a differentiated 'environment reducing wheel' starting with our planet, our country, our county and finally our local area and where we live.

We continued with some very important work on Anti-Bullying and Josh worked with his partner Dawn to create a fabulous poster. Josh helped to draw around the plate for a circular cut-out and helped with decisions such as colour and what to say. Jakob, Iqra and Kayah worked hard to create our class display for 'Our World' (work in progress) and I'm sure you will agree it is looking fabulous! Jakob even made us some cardinal points and has strung ribbon to our map to show us where certain landmarks can be found. The AoPE Group have continued their planning for a great presentation about our school, each taking on a different area to cover – great work guys!

This week Ben chose Friday lunch (one of Leah's favourites!) – sausage, mash and gravy with veg.

Also, this week Holly from Gold Class who is also part of AoPE Group joined us for our trip to OXSRAD to conduct some research as she is responsible for 'offsite activities'. Holly was joined by Iqra and they were shown around by Ethan who also answered their questions. The girls found out that OXSRAD was opened by a very famous person – Princess Diana. This week, the main hall group had a go at the game of Rounders each playing against the bowler. Students were very good at running around all the posts before poor Leah could collect the ball and stump them out!

We have looked more closely at 'Mental Health Awareness' alongside our individual target work and watched a really great video produced with animations from school children.



News from Summer Cluster

Staff have been very proud with the maturity shown by our students and the kindness offered through comments. Mya said she would help her friend Hannah by sharing her cooking book. Harry said he would say kind words to his friends. Chan agreed if she felt sad, she would talk to Mary and maybe get a hug. We were also very privileged this week by Iqra giving a short presentation about her religion and the recognition of Eid. Iqra wore her beautiful clothes to school to show us and shared some amazing pictures – thank you Iqra!

Ben, Jakob, Harry, Mya and Chan cooked lunch this week and it was truly fabulous! Great work guys! Students also enjoyed another session at 'Wheels4All', including some tandem rides and we all agree it's so great to slowly start getting back to our favourite off-site activities!

After completing our jobs once again, we recapped on the importance of 'Mental Health Awareness' and we are all looking forward to a great weekend with our family members and the people who help us the most.

Happy weekend everyone!

Purple Class – Leah, Mary, Dawn, Gill, Sian, & Julie





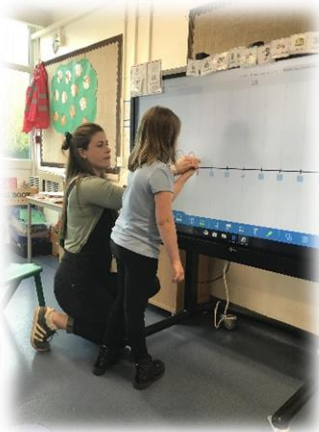
News from Summer Cluster





News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class



In our maths work this week we have been working on one more or less than a given number and demonstrating this in lots of different ways. We can count out an amount, then add one more or take one away. We can use a number line or a 100 square to find the number before or after a given number. These skills will help us with more formal addition and subtraction as we progress.



We are still investigating maps as part of our Geography topic this term. We have finished our pirate maps to go with our story, 'How to Find Gold'. X always marks the spot! This week we have been talking about the places in a town. We have made a large map of a town and the children have added pictures to represent the places you might find, such as a school, the shops and (importantly) McDonald's. It has been great fun to use it for playing cars too!

Enjoy the weekend!

Rachael, Tracy, Caitlin, Beccie and Ellie.



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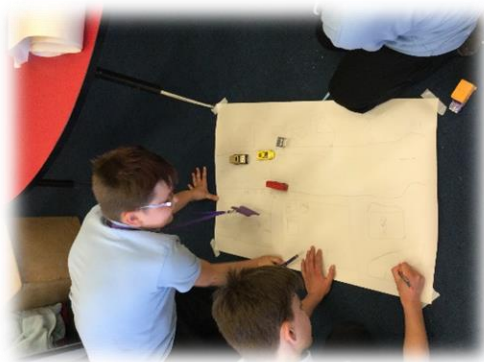
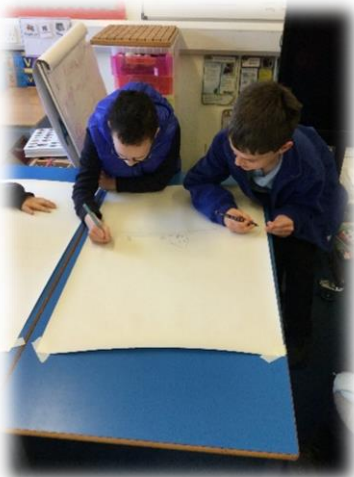
Red Class

Here we are at week 4 of the term already; they say time flies when you are having fun! It has certainly been another action-packed, fun-filled week in Red Class. Athletics was very popular out in the sunshine on Wednesday. The children were very good at throwing the shotput, jumping over the hurdles and speed running. They are all very competitive and worked very hard at their skills.

We have continued to make road and street maps in our topic time and are still enjoying creating buildings out of junk modelling. There are some great ideas; one map has an enormous football stadium on it and another has got a theme park. The children are also very aware of how the road systems work and have added roundabouts, traffic lights and road cones to their drawings.

When I was chatting to Henry at the beginning of term, he said that he would love to learn a different language. We have been lucky enough to have Thaleia with us this week who can speak several different languages. So, we have been practising how to say hello, in French, Spanish and Japanese. We have learnt the song 'If you're happy and you know it' in English and then sang along in French and German too. The children enjoyed saying hello or 'Bonjour' in French and also practised my name is - 'je m'appelle' and what is your name - 'comment t'appelles tu?' See if they can say it to you! We were very impressed with their efforts.

We are going to keep practising saying hello in French and Spanish when we do the register in the morning and the afternoon as well.



Have a great weekend.

Lorna, Nicola, Laura, Pauline and Jo.

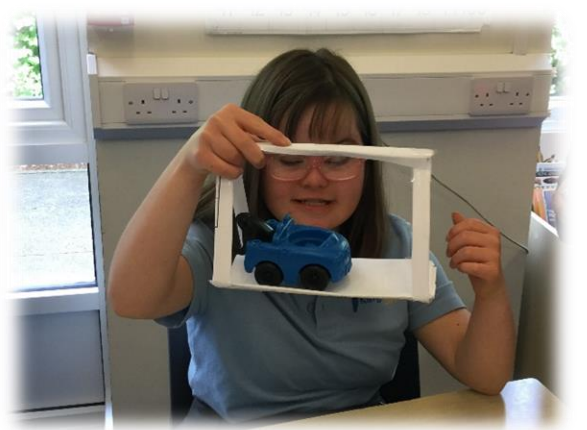
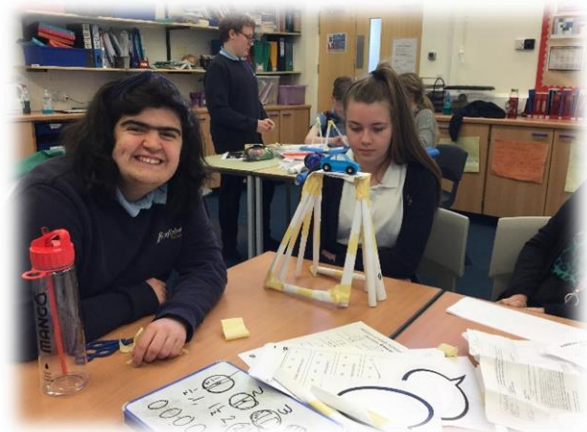
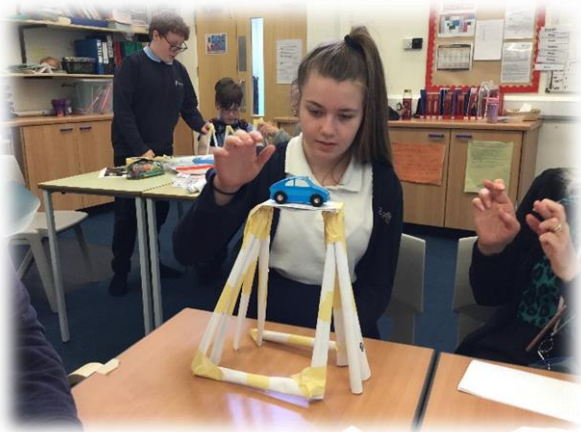


News from Autumn Cluster

Gold Class

This week we have continued to work hard using fractions in maths lessons. Some students are finding half and quarter of amounts and shapes while others are working in thirds, fifths, tenths, or mixed numbers and one group have been answering fraction word problems.

Pupils are learning how to work as a team, and this was very successful in our science this week. After testing the strength of different types of paper last week, we made bridges out of paper that were strong enough to hold a toy car this week. It was lovely to see students working together on this, discussing the type of bridge and how they were going to make it. Then they worked hard to make sure each member of the team had a role to play, whether this was rolling paper, sticking it together with tape or building the bridge. As you can see by the photos, they really enjoyed the activity and each group managed to build a bridge out of paper that was strong enough to support a toy car!





News from Autumn Cluster

I rarely get to see Gold pupils swimming as they swim in groups. However, today I was able to catch a glimpse and was surprised to see what strong swimmers they all are, while they were doing lengths up and down the pool.

Finally, ask your son or daughter about the Zones of Regulation. Ask them what colour the Zones are and how they would feel in each zone. This is something we have been introducing in Gold Class all term. Today they have started to work out their own individual strategies that would help them when they are feeling tired, sad or under the weather and not in the mood to concentrate on schoolwork. We will continue to build a personal toolbox of strategies that will help individuals self-regulate.

Have a lovely weekend,

From Maria, Tess, Julie, Esther and Brittany



News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

Hello everyone, again all of the children have worked really hard this week. Here are some pictures from last Friday which are too good not to share with you. The children really enjoyed making pizza's, using communication boards and proloquo2go on our iPads to select items. We also hope they enjoyed eating them.



You may have guessed that on Friday we (Leann) enjoyed (a little bit too much) sensory messy play, with sieves and flour. The children were fascinated by the foot prints we could make after standing in the flour and the effect the flour had coming from a height. We have to say all the children loved the session and the pictures say it all.



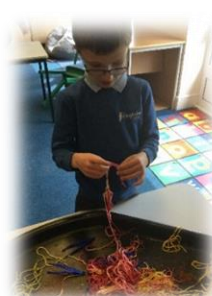


News from Winter Cluster

This week the children have doing really well in PE, using balls in different ways. Also, with the sun shining they enjoyed some hurdle jumping too.



We have continued this week working hard in numeracy and phonic's, we are also continuing making junk models houses ready to paint. Silver class have really been engaged in our hand function session and not too much was eaten.



We hope you have a lovely weekend, fingers crossed for more sunshine.

Leann, Tina, Ellie, Zoe and Brittany



News from Winter Cluster

White Class

Happy Friday everyone!

We have continued reading 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. We have continued to create sentences using symbols, e.g. the giraffe is wearing a scarf, we have also been matching pictures of clothing. During mark making we have been creating a path for the giant to walk to the clothes shop. In maths, we have been learning about full and empty and big and small objects and comparing them. Within Phonics we have been working on the letter C and we have also been identifying instruments and environmental sounds. The students really enjoy the letter C, and love hearing us making the letter C sound when we are tracing.

In art we have been creating our own towns through junk modelling, we have been decorating it using communication boards with windows, grass, cars, bricks and lots more (we will be sending this home on Friday for you to see). In cooking lessons this week, we vegetables into a wrap, some of the children have been using the grater independently, which is grate (pardon the pun). In topic we have been looking at emotions, the children are getting better at sorting emotions, they are also loving looking at themselves in the mirror, some are able to express emotions in the mirror now! Within PE, we have been doing a sensory circuit every morning, in swimming lessons we have been completing tasks such as collecting toys that float, collecting toys that sink to the bottom of the pool, wearing goggles and putting balls into hula hoops, it's been great fun! During wet break sessions, we have been spending time in the hall, listening to nursery rhymes, and playing with lots of different equipment.

We hope you have a great weekend!

Jemma, Katie, Ali, Niki, Ellie and Christina





News from Winter Cluster





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Black Class

Happy Friday! Despite the rain forecast for this week, we have made it out in the sunshine more than expected. We have had a brilliant week in Black Class and have certainly been hard at work.

We continued with our story 'The Smartest Giant in Town' and had lots of fun exploring the different props this week. Raihan loved trying on the Giants scruffy t-shirt and Connor tried his very hardest to do up the tie. We practiced our recognition of verbs in the story by responding to symbols such as walk, hop and dance. Malachi certainly taught us a thing or two when it came to the dance moves!

Continuing with our theme of 'Towns' we used communication boards to make buildings in our Art session. The children had a variety of resources and materials to choose from. Everyone chose something different so we have a very creative Black Class town in progress!



In Topic this week we explored feelings and emotions. The children looked at photographs of themselves throughout the year and used symbols and communication boards to express how they were feeling. I would like to make a special mention for Eleonora this week who has shown her understanding by talking about her own and her friends' feelings at different moments during the school day.

In Cooking this week, we continued to practice using a grater. This week we explored grating salad items to make a salad wrap. We are seeing more and more independence each week which is lovely to see. 😊

We hope that you all have a lovely weekend,

Katie, Amelia, Olivia, Helen, Brittany, Lynette

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